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Applicants : Gilchrist, et al.
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**DECLARATION OF APPLICANTS' COUNSEL IN
SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL TWO-MONTH
TIME EXTENSION TO SUBMIT REPLY BRIEF**

I, Charles N. Quinn, hereby declare that I am a citizen of the United States, a resident in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing at 419 Bowen Drive, Exton, Pennsylvania, 19341, a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Fox Rothschild LLP, admitted to practice before the Bar of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to registration number 17,603, admitted to practice in patent matters before the United States Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to registration 27,223 and am the attorney of record on the above-referenced pending United States patent application.

This declaration is submitted in support of a motion for an additional two-month extension of time to submit a reply brief in the appeal involving the above-referenced patent application.

I have only recently been advised that Tyco International has acquired certain rights respecting the invention which is the subject of this pending United States patent application. The application was sent to me for filing by British counsel; it is British counsel who has advised me that Tyco International has acquired such rights.


Additional time is needed for Tyco International's counsel to evaluate the examiner's answer, to confer with the applicants and their British counsel, all of whom are located in the United Kingdom, respecting the strategy and tactics in this appeal and to prepare a suitable and comprehensive reply brief in connection with this appeal. Due to the fact that Tyco International has, to my understanding, only recently acquired rights in the invention that is the subject of this patent application, Tyco International's patent counsel has not had time to study the file and to evaluate the examiner's answer to decide what approach to take, if any, in filing a comprehensive reply brief. As a result of all of this, additional time is required in order that applicants' rights not be prejudiced.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are true and that all statements made herein on my information and belief are true and further that I realize willful, false statements and the like so made herein are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under 18 USC 1001 and further may jeopardize the validity and enforceability of any

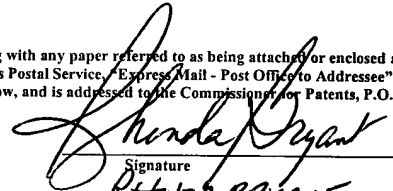
patent issued from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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